



**KING COUNTY**

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**Signature Report**

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**Ordinance 13982**

**Proposed No.** 2000-0195.3

**Sponsors** Miller and Pelz

1 AN ORDINANCE related to council rules of procedure  
2 governing the time, place and conduct of its meetings and  
3 hearings and the introduction, publication, consideration and  
4 adoption of legislation; amending Ordinance 11683, Section  
5 1, and K.C.C. 1.24.005, Ordinance 11683, Section 2, as  
6 amended, and K.C.C. 1.24.015, Ordinance 11683, Section 3,  
7 as amended, and K.C.C. 1.24.025, Ordinance 11683, Section  
8 4, as amended, and K.C.C. 1.24.035, Ordinance 11683,  
9 Section 5, as amended, and K.C.C. 1.24.045, Ordinance  
10 11683, Section 6, as amended, and K.C.C. 1.24.055,  
11 Ordinance 11683, Section 7, as amended, and K.C.C.  
12 1.24.065, Ordinance 11683, Section 8, and K.C.C. 1.24.075,  
13 Ordinance 11683, Section 9, as amended, and K.C.C.  
14 1.24.085, Ordinance 11683, Section 10, as amended, and  
15 K.C.C. 1.24.095, Ordinance 11683, Section 11, and K.C.C.  
16 1.24.105, Ordinance 11683, Section 12, and K.C.C.  
17 1.24.115, Ordinance 11683, Section 13, as amended, and

18 K.C.C. 1.24.125, Ordinance 11683, Section 14, and K.C.C.  
19 1.24.135, Ordinance 11683, Section 15, and K.C.C.  
20 1.24.145, Ordinance 11683, Section 16, and K.C.C.  
21 1.24.155, Ordinance 11683, Section 17, and K.C.C.  
22 1.24.165, Ordinance 11683, Section 18, and K.C.C.  
23 1.24.175, Ordinance 11683, Section 19, and K.C.C.  
24 1.24.185, Ordinance 11683, Section 20, and K.C.C.  
25 1.24.195, Ordinance 11683, Section 21, and K.C.C.  
26 1.24.205, Ordinance 11683, Section 22, and K.C.C.  
27 1.24.215, Ordinance 11683, Section 23, and K.C.C.  
28 1.24.225, Ordinance 11683, Section 24, and K.C.C.  
29 1.24.235, Ordinance 11683, Section 25, and K.C.C.  
30 1.24.245, Ordinance 11683, Section 26, and K.C.C.  
31 1.24.255, Ordinance 11683, Section 27, and K.C.C. 1.24.265  
32 and Ordinance 11683, Section 31, and K.C.C. 1.24.305,  
33 adding a new section to K.C.C. chapter 1.24 and repealing  
34 Ordinance 11172, Section 2, and K.C.C. 1.23.010,  
35 Ordinance 11172, Section 3, and K.C.C. 1.23.020 and  
36 Ordinance 11172, Section 4, and K.C.C. 1.23.030.

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39 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

40 SECTION 1. Ordinance 11683, Section 1, and K.C.C. 1.24.005 are each hereby

41 amended to read as follows:

42 **1.24.005 Rule 1: Definitions.** The definitions in this rule apply throughout this  
43 chapter unless the context clearly requires otherwise.

44 A. "Committee" means a ~~(ny)~~ standing or special committee of the council as so  
45 designated by rule, motion or appointment by the chair of the council.

46 B. ~~("Council chair" means the chairperson of the metropolitan King County~~  
47 ~~council.~~

48 C. ~~"Council" means the metropolitan King County council.~~

49 D. ~~"Council vice chair" means the vice chairperson of the metropolitan King~~  
50 ~~County council.~~

51 E.)) "Legislation" means a "motion" or "ordinance" as those terms are used in  
52 Sections 230 and 240 of the King County Charter.

53 C. "Regional committee" means a regional committee established ((pursuant to))  
54 under Section 270 of the King County ((e))Charter.

55 ~~((F. "Striking amendment" means an amendment which strikes the entire~~  
56 ~~ordinance or motion and inserts new language; provided, the new language does not~~  
57 ~~change the scope and object of the proposed ordinance or motion.))~~

58 D. "Special committee" means a committee that goes out of existence as soon as  
59 it has completed a specified task.

60 E. "Standing committee" means a committee, excluding regional committees,  
61 composed exclusively of councilmembers created by the council and given the task of  
62 reviewing legislation.

63 SECTION 2. Ordinance 11683, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 1.24.015 are

64 each hereby amended to read as follows:

65 **1.24.015 Rule 2: Powers and duties of the chair.** The chair ~~((shall have))~~ of  
66 the council has the following powers and duties:

67 A. The chair shall:

68 \_\_\_\_\_ 1. ~~((e))~~ Call the council to order at the hour appointed for meeting and, if a  
69 quorum ~~((be))~~ is present, shall cause the minutes of the previous meeting to be  
70 approved~~((, shall))~~ ;

71 \_\_\_\_\_ 2. ~~((p))~~ Proceed with the order of business; and

72 \_\_\_\_\_ 3. ~~((a))~~ Adjourn the council upon a motion to adjourn approved by a majority of  
73 members present;

74 B. The chair shall preserve order and decorum and in the interest of efficiency  
75 may impose time and subject matter limits for testimony and comment given by the  
76 public and members of the council;

77 C. The chair shall promote efficient operation of the council, which shall include  
78 setting the agenda and expediting parliamentary debate~~((s))~~ or, if there is no objection  
79 from any other member, expediting the passage of routine motions. The chair's act of  
80 adding to, removing from~~((s))~~ or taking out of order an~~((y))~~ item on a distributed and  
81 posted agenda may be appealed to the full body by any two members under ~~((the~~  
82 ~~provisions of))~~ Rule 5~~((f))C((g))~~, K.C.C. 1.24.045C. The chair shall discourage activities  
83 that are dilatory or disruptive. The chair shall endeavor to facilitate the will of the  
84 majority of members present at all times;

85 D. The chair may speak to points of order, inquiry or information in preference to  
86 other members ~~((and))~~. The chair shall decide all questions of order subject to an appeal

87 to the council by a~~(ny)~~ member, on which appeal ~~((no))~~ a member ~~((shall))~~ may not  
88 speak more than once without leave of the council;

89 E. Upon a ruling of the chair on a point of order, the chair shall allow any three  
90 members to immediately request that the decision be placed before the body. If a  
91 majority of members present agree to the ruling of the chair, the business of the council  
92 ~~((shall))~~ must proceed without further debate. If a majority of the members present do not  
93 support the ruling of the chair, the chair shall immediately allow a procedural motion to  
94 dispense with the issue in question, proceeding until a decision of the council is secured  
95 and the business of the council is allowed to proceed;

96 F. The chair shall refer legislation to committees unless there is an objection to a  
97 referral. If there is an objection, the referral must be made in accordance with the  
98 decision of a majority of the members present;

99 G. The chair shall introduce all ~~((motions and ordinances))~~ legislation relating to  
100 land use appeals ~~((and))~~, road vacations, plat applications, current use assessments and  
101 other similar land use decisions; and

102 ~~((G.))~~ H. The chair shall preside over the committee-of-the-whole~~((;))~~.

103 SECTION 3. Ordinance 11683, Section 3, as amended, and K.C.C. 1.24.025 are  
104 each hereby amended to read as follows:

105 **1.24.025 Rule 3: Powers and duties of the vice-chair – acting chair in**  
106 **absence of chair and vice-chair.** ~~((The vice-chair shall have the following powers and~~  
107 ~~duties:))~~

108 A. The vice-chair shall exercise the duties, powers and prerogatives of the council  
109 chair in the event of the chair's absence~~((;))~~.

110 B. ~~((In the event))~~ If the chair and the vice-chair are both absent at a~~((ny))~~  
111 meeting of the council, the ~~((immediate past))~~ budget and fiscal management committee  
112 chair shall preside as acting chair.

113 SECTION 4. Ordinance 11683, Section 4, as amended, and K.C.C. 1.24.035 are  
114 each hereby amended to read as follows:

115 **1.24.035 Rule 4: Meetings.**

116 A. The time of regular meetings of the council ~~((shall be at))~~ is one-thirty p.m. on  
117 Monday of each week, or Tuesday if Monday is a state or county holiday, unless  
118 otherwise ordered by the chair or a majority of the council.

119 All sessions of the ~~((metropolitan))~~ King County council, except as otherwise  
120 ordered by the chair or a majority of the council~~((s))~~ and except meetings of the  
121 committees, ~~((shall))~~ must be held at the county seat.

122 B. The time for regular committee meetings must be set by the chair of the  
123 council or by motion. The committee chair shall set the place of committee meetings.

124 C. The proceedings of all council and committee meetings ~~((shall))~~ must be taken  
125 by tape recorder. The tapes of ~~((such))~~ the meetings ~~((shall))~~ must be retained in the  
126 office of the clerk of the council for ~~((a period of))~~ five years, ~~((at))~~ after which ~~((time))~~  
127 the tapes ~~((shall))~~ must be transferred to the division of records and elections, which  
128 ~~((will))~~ shall retain ~~((such))~~ the tapes.

129 D. Council and committee meetings must be held in accordance with the Open  
130 Public Meetings Act of 1971, chapter 42.30 RCW.

131 E. 1. An executive session may be held during a council or committee meeting if  
132 one of the specific grounds under chapter 42.30 RCW for an executive session exists.

133 The grounds include:

134 a. Consideration of the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate when  
135 public knowledge of the consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price;

136 b. Receipt and evaluation of complaints and charges against a public officer or  
137 employee, or review of the performance of a public employee;

138 c. Evaluation of the qualifications of an applicant for public employment, or of  
139 a candidate for appointment to elective office; and

140 d. Discussion with legal counsel regarding litigation or potential litigation  
141 when public knowledge of the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial  
142 consequence to the agency.

143 2. Before convening in executive session, the chair of the council or committee  
144 shall publicly announce the purpose for excluding the public from the meeting place and  
145 the time when the executive session will be concluded. The executive session may be  
146 extended to a stated later time by announcement of the chair.

147 3. Only members of the council or committee, special invitees and those  
148 employees or staff members the council or committee determines to be necessary are  
149 allowed to remain in the room. Persons attending an executive session shall maintain the  
150 confidentiality of the proceedings.

151 SECTION 5. Ordinance 11683, Section 5, as amended, and K.C.C. 1.24.045 are  
152 each hereby amended to read as follows:

153 **1.24.045 Rule 5: Agenda.**

154 A. Council business (~~shall~~) must be disposed of in the following order, or in  
155 (~~such~~) an order (~~as~~) the chair deems appropriate, subject to appeal as provided in

156 ((subsection (C), below)) Rule 5C, K.C.C. 1.24.045C:

157 1. Roll call;

158 2. Flag salute and Pledge of Allegiance, the leading of which ((shall)) must be  
159 offered by a member of the council and which ((shall)) must rotate among all members of  
160 the council;

161 3. Approval of minutes;

162 4. Reports from members serving on special and outside committees(~~, such as~~  
163 ~~the Regional Transit Authority, the Puget Sound Regional Council, and the Growth~~  
164 ~~Management Planning Council));~~

165 5. Plat tracings;

166 6. Special items;

167 ~~((6.))~~ 7. Hearings and second reading of ordinances from standing committees  
168 and regional committees;

169 ~~((7.))~~ 8. Introduction of and action on emergency ordinances;

170 9. Motions ((and memorials)), from standing committees and regional  
171 committees, for council action;

172 ~~((8. Reports of standing committees;~~

173 ~~9.))~~ 10. Introduction of and action on motions;

174 11. Consent agenda on reports and recommended actions from employment  
175 committee;

176 ~~((10.))~~ 12. Consent agenda on hearing examiner recommendations;

177 13. Introduction of ordinances for first reading and referrals;

178 ~~((11.))~~ 14. Introduction of motions and ((memorials)) referrals;



179           ~~((12-))~~ 15. Extra items;

180           ~~((13-))~~ 16. Messages from the county executive and other county officials, the  
181 judiciary, the regional committees~~((;))~~ and other agencies;

182           ~~((14-))~~ 17. Other business; and

183           ~~((15-))~~ 18. Adjournment.

184           B. Legislation or other ~~((f))~~ items for placement on the council meeting agenda  
185 must be submitted to the clerk of the council ~~((no later than))~~ by 10:00 a.m. Thursday of  
186 the week ~~((prior to))~~ before the next scheduled meeting, ~~((provided))~~ except that:

187           1. If directed by the chair, the clerk may place an item on the council agenda  
188 with a note that the item is contingent on being voted out of committee before the council  
189 meeting;

190           2. Legislation or other ~~((f))~~ items for referral to committee may be added at  
191 committee-of-the whole or ~~((at))~~ regularly scheduled council meetings at the discretion of  
192 the chair of the council~~((;))~~; and

193           ~~((2-))~~ 3. Legislation or other ~~((f))~~ items needing action by the full council may be  
194 added at the discretion of the chair of the council at committee-of-the-whole or regularly  
195 scheduled council meetings. The chair shall apply the following criteria for ~~((such))~~ the  
196 additions:

197           a. The legislation is particularly time-sensitive and delay in action either:

198           ~~((1-may))~~ (1) might impair the effectiveness of the county's responses to  
199 emergencies such as natural or human-made disasters, or other circumstances seriously  
200 affecting the public health, safety or welfare or the support of county government and its  
201 existing public institutions~~((;))~~; or

202            ~~((2. may))~~ (2) might impair timely performance under deadlines of a  
203 statute, ordinance, contract, interlocal agreement, real property instrument~~((s))~~ or other  
204 provision requiring immediate action~~((-))~~;

205            b. Legislation should be delivered to the chair and the clerk ~~((prior to))~~ before  
206 the beginning of the committee-of-the-whole meeting. An original and twenty copies  
207 should be provided to the clerk, together with an introduction slip from the sponsor~~((-))~~;  
208 and

209            c. The sponsor should provide a brief written description to the chair of the  
210 reason for the need to expedite the legislation without regular committee review.

211            C. ~~((At the beginning of the meeting, t))~~The chair shall notify the members  
212 present of ~~((any))~~ proposed changes to the agenda. If two members object to a change, a  
213 majority of the members present shall decide whether to change the agenda.

214            SECTION 6. Ordinance 11683, Section 6, as amended, and K.C.C. 1.24.055 are  
215 each hereby amended to read as follows:

216            **1.24.055 Rule 6: Standing committees.** The standing committees shall operate  
217 as follows:

218            A. A majority of a~~((ny))~~ committee ~~((shall))~~ constitutes a quorum except for a  
219 committee~~((s))~~ with an even number of members, in which case one half of the committee  
220 ~~((shall))~~ constitutes a quorum. A ~~((C))~~committee~~((s shall be))~~ is considered to have a  
221 quorum present unless the question is raised by a member of ~~((a))~~ the committee. If  
222 a~~((ny))~~ member ~~((draws attention to the absence))~~ objects to proceeding because of the  
223 lack of a quorum, the committee ~~((shall))~~ may not conduct official business, except to  
224 conduct a hearing. The appointment or use of alternate ~~((pro tem or substitute))~~

225 members ~~((shall))~~ is not ~~((be))~~ allowed for a ~~((ny))~~ standing committee other than the  
226 employment committee. If a regular member of the employment committee cannot attend  
227 an employment committee meeting, ~~((the other council members from the regular  
228 member's party may notify the committee chair in writing before the meeting of an  
229 alternate member to serve in the regular member's absence))~~ an alternate member may be  
230 appointed. The chair of the council shall appoint the alternate for an absent member from  
231 the majority party. The member designated by the minority party to consult with the chair  
232 of the council in the exercise of the chair's powers shall appoint the alternate for an absent  
233 member from the minority party. An appointment of an alternate must be in writing and  
234 filed with the clerk of the council and the chair of the employment committee. Alternate  
235 employment committee members may be designated for either a specific meeting or for  
236 any meeting at which an absence might occur in the future.

237 B. During its consideration of a vote on ~~((any ordinance or motion))~~ legislation,  
238 the deliberations of a ~~((ny))~~ committee ~~((of the council shall))~~ must be open to the public.

239 C. ~~((Every))~~ A vote to report ~~((an ordinance or motion))~~ legislation out of  
240 committee ~~((shall))~~ must be taken by the "ayes" and "nos," with the committee clerk  
241 recording the names of the members voting for and against, as well as the names of the  
242 members absent. On any matter, including but not limited to an amendment~~((s))~~, a  
243 vote~~((s shall))~~ must be taken by oral roll call if requested by a ~~((ny))~~ member of the  
244 committee. ~~((No))~~ A standing committee ~~((shall))~~ may not vote by secret ballot on  
245 an~~((y))~~ issue. ~~((Ordinances and motions may be voted out of committee subject to  
246 signature.))~~ Except for a regional committee, legislation may be reported out of  
247 committee by less than a quorum of the committee, subject to signature by a majority of

248 the members of the committee, unless a member present request a vote on the  
249 recommendation by a quorum of the committee. If a member so requests, the legislation  
250 may not be reported out of the committee at that meeting without an affirmative vote by a  
251 majority of the quorum of the committee. Legislation reported out of committee subject  
252 to signature by a majority of the members of the committee is not effective unless signed  
253 by a majority of the committee and delivered to the clerk by the close of the second  
254 business day after the committee action. A vote in a committee must be recorded and the  
255 vote must be preserved as prescribed by the clerk of the council.

256 D. With the exception of legislation referred to committee-of-the-whole,  
257 ~~((ordinances or motions))~~ legislation reported to the council from a standing committee  
258 must have a majority recommendation report, which ~~((shall))~~ must be prepared upon a  
259 printed standing committee report form and ~~((shall))~~ must be signed by a majority of the  
260 committee with one of the following recommendations:

- 261 1. Do pass~~((:))~~;
- 262 2. ~~((Do pass with amendments.~~
- 263 ~~———— 3.))~~ Do pass -- consent;
- 264 ~~———— 3.~~ Do pass substitute~~((:))~~;
- 265 4. Do pass substitute -- consent;
- 266 5. Do not pass~~((:))~~;
- 267 ~~((5.))~~ 6. Postpone indefinitely~~((:))~~;
- 268 ~~((6.))~~ 7. Pass out of committee with no recommendation~~((:))~~; or
- 269 ~~((7.))~~ 8. Refer to another committee.
- 270 ~~((8. In the case of confirmations of appointments: do confirm, do reject, or no~~

271 recommendation.

272 ~~—— A minority recommendation also may be issued in the same manner by any~~  
273 ~~member or members of a committee and the council agenda shall reflect any majority and~~  
274 ~~minority recommendations.))~~

275 E. The rules and procedures contained in this chapter ~~((shall))~~ must be observed,  
276 ~~((where))~~ when applicable, in all proceedings of a ~~((ny))~~ standing or special committee of  
277 the council.

278 F. The chair of the committee shall set the agenda for the committee, including  
279 whether and when to include on a specific agenda for action ~~((any))~~ proposed legislation  
280 referred to ~~((that))~~ the committee by the council chair. ~~A ((C))change((s))~~ to the last  
281 distributed and posted agenda made at a meeting ~~((shall))~~ must be announced by the  
282 chair~~((;))~~ and ~~((shall be))~~ is subject to appeal to the full committee present by any two  
283 members of the committee. ~~A((ny such appeal shall be decided by a))~~ majority of the  
284 members present shall decide an appeal under this subsection.

285 G. ~~((No committee may meet at a time different than its regularly scheduled time~~  
286 ~~unless at least twenty-four hours notice has been given in writing to the chair of the~~  
287 ~~council and the members of the committee, with such notice also having been posted in~~  
288 ~~the appropriate areas of the courthouse by the clerk of the council.))~~ Notice of a special  
289 meeting must be made in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act of 1971, chapter  
290 42.30 RCW. The committee chair may call ((U))up to six special meetings per calendar  
291 year ~~((may be called at the discretion of the committee chair)).~~ An ((A))additional special  
292 meeting((s)) may ((only)) be called only upon the request of the chair and the written  
293 consent of either the vice-chair of the committee or the chair of the council before the

294 meeting. A ~~((S))~~ special meeting ~~((s-shall))~~ may be called only when ~~((there is either))~~:

295 1. There is ~~((F))~~ time-sensitive legislation or information ~~((which))~~ that cannot be  
296 presented and considered in the ordinary committee meeting schedule~~((;))~~;

297 2. A joint meeting of two or more committees is necessary to consider a  
298 matter~~((;))~~; or

299 3. An unusual and extreme ~~((work-load))~~ workload of a committee does not  
300 allow its full consideration during the ordinary committee meeting schedule.

301 H. ~~((N))~~ A committee may not recess a~~((ny))~~ meeting for longer than eight hours  
302 unless consent is given consistent with ~~((this rule))~~ Rule 6G, K.C.C. 1.24.055G. Such a  
303 recess ~~((shall))~~ constitutes a special meeting solely for the purpose of counting the six  
304 discretionary special meetings provided for in this ~~((section))~~ rule. If recess is until the  
305 next day but less than twenty-four hours, then the maximum possible notice ~~((shall))~~ must  
306 be given. If recess is for greater than twenty-four hours, then at least twenty-four hours'  
307 notice ~~((shall))~~ must be given.

308 SECTION 7. Ordinance 11683, Section 7, as amended, and K.C.C. 1.24.065 are  
309 each hereby amended to read as follows:

310 **1.24.065 Rule 7: Regional committees.**

311 A. Establishment. Three regional, standing committees are established as  
312 provided under the King County Charter to develop, recommend and review regional  
313 policies and plans for consideration by the council: the regional transit committee, the  
314 regional water quality committee and the regional policies committee.

315 B. Membership.

316 1. Composition of committees.

317           a. ~~((Each))~~ The regional policies committee ~~((shall))~~ and regional transit  
318 committee are to each have twelve voting members. Six members of each committee,  
319 including the chair of each ~~((regional committee, shall)),~~ must be ~~((metropolitan))~~ county  
320 councilmembers appointed by the chair of the council~~((;))~~ and ~~((shall))~~ must include  
321 councilmembers from districts with unincorporated residents. The chair of the county  
322 council shall also appoint the chair and vice-chair of each ~~((regional))~~ committee. The  
323 remaining members of each ~~((regional))~~ committee ~~((except the regional water quality~~  
324 ~~committee) shall))~~ must be local elected city officials appointed from and in proportion to  
325 the relative populations of the city of Seattle and the other cities and towns in the county.  
326 ~~((Currently this consists of three Seattle and three non-Seattle memberships. Non-Seattle~~  
327 ~~e))~~ Cities and towns other than the city of Seattle may appoint two persons for each of  
328 their allocated memberships in each committee, each person with one-half vote. ~~((The~~  
329 ~~regional water quality committee shall have two members from the city of Seattle, two~~  
330 ~~members from cities other than the city of Seattle, and two members from special purpose~~  
331 ~~districts providing sewer service in King County.))~~

332           b. The regional water quality committee is to have twelve voting members. Six  
333 members of the committee, including the chair, must be county councilmembers  
334 appointed by the chair of the council, and must include councilmembers from districts  
335 with unincorporated residents. The chair of the county council shall also appoint the chair  
336 and vice-chair of the committee. The remaining members of the committee must be local  
337 elected city officials appointed from and in proportion to the relative populations of the  
338 city of Seattle and the other cities and towns in the county, and two members from special  
339 purpose districts providing sewer service in King County. Cities and towns other than the

340 city of Seattle may appoint two persons for each of their allocated memberships, each  
341 person with one-half vote.

342 2. Alternating memberships. ~~((Such))~~ Each appointing authority may alternate  
343 members in accordance with the procedures established by ~~((such))~~ the authority.  
344 ~~((Such))~~ The appointments ~~((shall))~~ must be announced at the beginning of each regional  
345 committee meeting to the committee chair or vice-chair and committee secretary by a  
346 person authorized by the appointing authority. ~~((The appointing authority for members~~  
347 ~~from the metropolitan county council shall be the chair of the council or his or her~~  
348 ~~designee.))~~ Each appointing authority shall identify those members to receive mailings  
349 and notices of meetings.

350 ~~((B-))~~ C. Quorum, notice and voting. Members representing six and one-half  
351 votes ~~((shall))~~ constitute a quorum of a regional committee. ~~((The transaction of~~  
352 ~~committee business requires the presence of a quorum.))~~ In the absence of a quorum, the  
353 committee may perform all committee functions except for voting on legislation. Notice  
354 of all regular and special meetings ~~((shall))~~ must be provided as specified in the Open  
355 Public Meetings Act of 1971, chapter 42.30 RCW, and notice ~~((shall))~~ must be given to  
356 members of the committees, including ~~((any))~~ members who at any time during the  
357 calendar year have served on the committee or have been designated by their appointing  
358 authority to receive notice. All recommendations of a regional committee must be  
359 approved by a majority of the members present and voting~~((,))~~ and ~~((shall))~~ must consist  
360 of at least three and one-half affirmative votes. All recommendations ~~((shall))~~ must be  
361 signed only by members who were present and voting on the matter and be made on a  
362 committee report form supplied by the council. There ~~((shall))~~ may not be ~~((no))~~ voting



363 by proxy.

364 ~~((C:))~~ D. 1. a. Referral to the regional transit committee. The chair of the council  
365 shall refer to the regional transit ~~((and water quality))~~ committee~~((s))~~ countywide policies  
366 and plans related to the transit ~~((and water quality))~~ services~~((, respectively,))~~ formerly  
367 provided by the municipality of metropolitan Seattle. If a standing committee of the  
368 council is considering an issue ~~((which))~~ that, upon ((its)) the standing committee's  
369 subsequent review, the standing committee believes should be considered as a countywide  
370 policy or plan related to transit ~~((or water quality))~~, then the standing committee shall so  
371 inform the chair of the council ~~((who))~~. The chair of the council may then determine  
372 whether ~~((such))~~ the policy or plan ((shall)) is to be referred to a regional committee.

373 b. Referral to the regional water quality committee. The chair of the council  
374 shall refer to the regional water quality committee countywide policies and plans related  
375 to the water quality services formerly provided by the municipality of metropolitan  
376 Seattle. If a standing committee of the council is considering an issue that, upon the  
377 standing committee's subsequent review, the standing committee believes should be  
378 considered as a countywide policy or plan related to water quality, then the standing  
379 committee shall so inform the chair of the council. The chair of the council may then  
380 determine whether the policy or plan is to be referred to a regional committee.

381 2. Regional policies committee work program. The regional policies committee  
382 ~~((will))~~ shall establish its subject matter through a work program adopted by ordinance by  
383 the council. Once ~~((it))~~ the work program is adopted, all regional policies and plans  
384 related to ~~((this))~~ the subject matter ((will)) must be referred to the committee by the  
385 council.

386           3. Provisions applicable to referrals by chair and rereferrals. Referrals by the  
387 chair or re((-)referrals ((shall be)) are subject to the procedures, rights((;)) and constraints  
388 of K.C.C. 1.24.125, 1.24.165((;)) and 1.24.255.

389           4. Proposals and recommendations. If a regional committee develops a  
390 proposed county((-)wide policy or plan, or amendment or repeal ((thereof)) of a policy or  
391 plan, and adopts a recommendation with respect ((thereto)) to the policy, plan,  
392 amendment or repeal, a((ny metropolitan)) county councilmember may introduce the  
393 appropriate ((motion or ordinance)) legislation to adopt the recommended policy or plan  
394 ((so recommended)).

395           ((D-)) E. Time for review -- committees. ((Each)) A regional committee shall  
396 review legislation referred to it within one hundred twenty days of ((its)) the legislation's  
397 referral((, or such other time as is jointly established between the council and the  
398 committee and is confirmed in the form of a council motion)). However, the committee  
399 may request, and the county council may grant by motion, additional time for review. If  
400 the committee fails to act upon the proposed policy or plan within the established time  
401 limit, the ((metropolitan)) county council may adopt the proposed policy or plan upon  
402 eight affirmative votes. ((The committee may request, by motion to the county council,  
403 additional time for review.))

404           ((E-)) F. Time for review – council. The council shall amend, adopt or defeat the  
405 legislation referred to a regional committee within ninety days after receipt of an initial  
406 regional committee recommendation. However, upon receipt of the council chair's  
407 written request for an extension of the time limit, the committee may approve the request  
408 in writing by a majority vote at a special meeting or the next regular meeting of the

409 committee.

410 G. Adoption ((of recommended legislation)).

411 1. A proposed policy or plan recommended by a regional committee may be  
412 adopted, without amendment, by the ((metropolitan)) county council by seven affirmative  
413 votes.

414 2. A proposed policy or plan that differs from the policy or plan recommended  
415 by a regional committee may be adopted by the county council by eight affirmative votes  
416 after the regional committee has had the opportunity to review all county council  
417 amendments.

418 ~~((F.))~~ H. Amendments and rereferral.

419 1. If the ((metropolitan)) county council votes ((prior to)) before the final  
420 passage ((thereof)) to amend a proposed policy or plan that has been reviewed or  
421 recommended by a regional committee, the proposed policy or plan, as amended, ((shall))  
422 must be referred ((back)) to the appropriate regional committee for further review and  
423 recommendation.

424 2. The timeline for ((this)) the committee's review ((shall be no)) after rereferral  
425 may not be greater than sixty days ((or such other time as is jointly established by the  
426 council and the committee)). However, the committee may request, and the county  
427 council may grant by motion, additional time for review. The committee may concur in,  
428 dissent from or recommend additional amendments to the policy or plan.

429 ~~((After the regional committee has had the opportunity to review all metropolitan~~  
430 ~~county council amendments, final action to adopt any proposed policy or plan which~~  
431 ~~differs from the committee recommendation shall require eight affirmative votes of the~~

432 metropolitan county council.))

433 3. The council shall amend (~~(or, after a motion for final passage)~~), adopt or  
434 defeat the legislation (~~(which is the subject of a regional committee recommendation~~  
435 ~~within ninety days after receipt of an initial regional committee recommendation and)~~)  
436 within (~~(thirty)~~) sixty days after receipt of a regional committee recommendation  
437 following (~~(any)~~) rereferral(~~(s)~~) by the council.

438 (~~(G.)~~) I. Regional committee consideration of other regional issues. The chair of  
439 the council may (~~(from time to time)~~) request that one or more regional committees  
440 examine and comment upon other pending issues (~~(which)~~) that are not countywide  
441 policies or plans but (~~(which)~~) would benefit from interjurisdictional discussion. (~~(Such)~~)  
442 The issues may include, but are not (~~(necessarily)~~) limited to, operational, organizational  
443 or implementation measures for county(~~(-)~~)wide plans and policies. This type of regional  
444 committee analysis and comment is not subject to the mandatory procedural requirements  
445 of Section 270.30 of the King County Charter(~~(, such as the one hundred twenty day time~~  
446 ~~limit for review, super majority requirements and repeated regional committee review of~~  
447 ~~all final council amendments)~~) and the county council may need to act on such issues  
448 before comment from the regional committee.

449 (~~(H.)~~) J. The regional committee (~~(shall be)~~) is governed by (~~(the provisions of)~~)  
450 the King County Charter, the King County Code and, except to the extent expressly  
451 provided otherwise, the rules and procedures established for standing and special  
452 committees in this chapter.

453 (~~(I.)~~) K. Role of regional committees.

454 1. A (~~(R)~~) regional committee(~~(s)~~) shall focus on planning and policy setting in

455 program areas where it has been determined that regional service or facility planning is  
456 required and in an area((s)) where it is agreed the opportunity and need for ((such)) the  
457 planning exist. A ((R))regional committee((s-shall)) is not ((be)) responsible for routine  
458 review and recommendation on operational and administrative matters ((which in the past  
459 went to the council of metropolitan Seattle,)) such as contracts, budgets, appropriations,  
460 and fares and rates, formerly performed by the council of metropolitan Seattle. A  
461 ((R))regional committee((s)) may, however, deal with policies to develop fares and rates  
462 within ((their)) the committee's subject matter area.

463       2. The regional transit committee ((is responsible for)) shall develop((ing)),  
464 review((ing)) and recommend((ing)) countywide policies and plans related to the  
465 transportation services formerly provided by the municipality of metropolitan Seattle.  
466 Plans and policies ((to)) that must be assigned to the committee ((shall)) include, but are  
467 not ((necessarily)) limited to, the long-range transit system and capital improvement  
468 plans, service design, development and allocation policies, financial policies, fare  
469 policies, facility siting policy and major facilities siting process, and review and comment  
470 upon Regional Transit Authority plans.

471       3. The regional water quality committee ((is responsible for)) shall  
472 develop((ing)), review((ing)) and recommend((ing)) countywide policies and plans  
473 related to the water pollution control functions formerly provided by the municipality of  
474 metropolitan Seattle. Plans and policies ((to)) that must be assigned to the committee  
475 ((shall)) include, but are not ((necessarily)) limited to, water quality comprehensive and  
476 long-range capital improvement plans, service area and extension policies, rate policies,  
477 and((;)) the facility siting policy and major facilities siting process.

478           4. The regional policies committee ~~((is responsible for))~~ shall review~~((ing))~~ and  
479 recommend~~((ing))~~ regional policies and plans, other than transit and water quality ~~((ones,~~  
480 ~~which))~~ plans, that are within the subject matter area for the committee ~~((as established by~~  
481 ~~its work program adopted by ordinance of the council))~~. Also, ~~((F))~~the committee ~~((also))~~  
482 may develop proposed policies and plans on issues of countywide significance~~((s))~~ but,  
483 unless referred to ~~((it))~~ the committee by the county council ~~((these)),~~ the policies and  
484 plans are not subject to the procedural requirements of Section 270.30 of the King County  
485 Charter. Issues ~~((which))~~ that may be referred to the committee or be the subject of ~~((its))~~  
486 the committee's policy development include, but are not ~~((necessarily))~~ limited to, public  
487 health, human services, open space, housing, solid waste management, regional services  
488 financial policies, criminal justice, jails and district court services, and regional facilities  
489 siting. In addition, the regional policies committee may consider major regional  
490 governance transition and consolidation issues, particularly those involving potential  
491 changes in organization and responsibilities with other county, city or regional  
492 organizations.

493           L. ~~((Each regional))~~ To assist each regional committee in evaluating countywide  
494 policies and plans, the committee ~~((has the authority to))~~ may conduct public meetings  
495 and hearings and ~~((to))~~ request briefings and other information from citizens, county,  
496 state~~((s))~~ and local agencies, business entities and other organizations~~((, to assist the~~  
497 ~~committee in evaluating countywide policies and plans))~~.

498           SECTION 8. Ordinance 11683, Section 8, and K.C.C. 1.24.075 are each hereby  
499 amended to read as follows:

500           **1.24.075 Rule 8: ~~((Initial processing))~~ Indication of new and deleted matter**

501 in ordinances ~~((and motions))~~ – copies of official communications and requests for  
502 councilmembers.

503 A. ~~((Proposed ordinances intended to amend an existing King County ordinance~~  
504 ~~shall have the words underlined which are amendatory to such existing ordinance. Any~~  
505 ~~matter to be))~~ Matter added to an existing ordinance must be indicated by underlining the  
506 matter. Matter deleted from an existing ordinance ~~((shall))~~ must be indicated by lining  
507 out ~~((such))~~ the matter with a solid line and enclosing the lined-out ~~((material))~~ matter  
508 within double parentheses. ~~((No))~~ An ordinance ~~((shall))~~ may not be ~~((printed))~~ presented  
509 to or acted upon by the council until ~~((the provisions of))~~ this rule ~~((have been complied~~  
510 ~~with))~~ is followed.

511 B. Entirely new ~~((S))~~sections of ordinances ~~((which are entirely new shall))~~ that  
512 are to be codified may not be underlined but ~~((shall))~~ must be designated "NEW  
513 SECTION."

514 C. The chair shall provide copies to all councilmembers of ~~((A))~~all official  
515 communications and requests for council action from the executive, the sheriff, the  
516 assessor, the presiding judge or ~~((judicial branches))~~ the prosecuting attorney addressed to  
517 the chair~~((man shall be taken under consideration by the council))~~.

518 SECTION 9. Ordinance 11683, Section 9, as amended, and K.C.C. 1.24.085 are  
519 each hereby amended to read as follows:

520 **1.24.085 Rule 9: Introduction and initial consideration of proposed**  
521 **~~((ordinances and motions))~~ legislation.**

522 A. Upon receipt of ~~((an ordinance or motion by))~~ proposed legislation from the  
523 executive, the sheriff, the assessor, the presiding judge, the prosecuting attorney or a

524 councilmember, the ((office of the)) clerk of the council((, a proposed number)) shall  
525 ((be)) assign((ed)) a proposed number to ((each proposed ordinance or motion. Such  
526 proposed number will be used for filing and locating the legislation in the clerk's office))  
527 the legislation. The clerk may make formatting and nonsubstantive revisions in form and  
528 style to proposed legislation before first reading and shall indicate on the revised  
529 legislation that the legislation is revised by the clerk and the date of the revision.

530 B. Upon signature of at least one member of the council and filing with the clerk  
531 of the council, or upon receipt by the council of a proposed ordinance submitted as an  
532 institutional initiative under ((the provisions of)) Section 230.50.10 of the King County  
533 Charter, the proposed ((ordinance or motion shall)) legislation is introduced and must be  
534 placed on the agenda for first reading. Legislation may be introduced with the title only,  
535 but the legislation must be filed with the clerk by first reading. The chair of the council  
536 shall refer both the title and the subsequently filed legislation to committee if the  
537 legislation was introduced with the title only. If the legislation is not timely filed, the  
538 legislation is to be removed from the agenda and is not to be referred to committee.

539 C. A member may add his or her name to sponsorship of legislation at any time  
540 before passage of the legislation by informing the clerk of the council in writing. The  
541 first member listed on the first introduction slip filed for legislation may not remove his or  
542 her name from sponsorship of the legislation. However, any other sponsor of legislation  
543 may remove his or her own name from sponsorship of the legislation by informing the  
544 clerk of the council in writing.

545 D. ((The first reading of a proposed ordinance shall be by title only, unless a  
546 majority of the members present demand a reading in full.)) First reading of legislation



547 shall consist of either:

548 1. Printing the number and title of the proposed legislation on the published  
549 agenda; or

550 2. Adding the proposed legislation to the agenda under Rule 5, K.C.C.

551 1.24.045B. 2 or 3 and including this information in the council's minutes.

552 ~~((D.))~~ E. After the first reading, proposed ~~((ordinances shall))~~ legislation must be  
553 referred to an appropriate committee or committees by the chair of the council. Proposed  
554 ~~((ordinances))~~ legislation referred to more than one committee ~~((shall))~~ must be  
555 considered consecutively by the committees in the order set forth ~~((in the referral~~  
556 ~~motion))~~ on the marked published agenda or as specified by the chair during the meeting  
557 and reflected in the council's minutes.

558 ~~((E.))~~ F. Upon being reported out of committee with a recommendation~~((s))~~  
559 signed by a majority of the committee, ((the)) proposed ~~((ordinance shall))~~ legislation  
560 must be placed upon ~~((the calendar))~~ an agenda after consideration of public hearing  
561 notice requirements for ~~((public hearing and second reading))~~ appropriate action.  
562 ~~((Legislation may be reported out of committee, subject to signature by a majority of the~~  
563 ~~members of the committee, unless a member present requests a vote on the~~  
564 ~~recommendation. If a member so requests, the legislation shall not be reported out of the~~  
565 ~~committee at that meeting without an affirmative vote by a majority of the committee.))~~  
566 The clerk of the council may make formatting and nonsubstantive revisions in form to  
567 proposed legislation after the legislation is reported out of the committee and before the  
568 legislation is placed on the agenda for second reading and shall indicate on the revised  
569 legislation that the legislation is revised by the clerk and the date of the revision.

570            SECTION 10. Ordinance 11683, Section 10, as amended, and K.C.C. 1.24.095  
571 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

572            **1.24.095 Rule 10: Public hearing and second reading.** ~~((A.))~~ At least seven  
573 days must elapse after first reading ~~((at a council meeting))~~ of a proposed ordinance, other  
574 than an emergency ordinance, before the council may conduct a public hearing on the  
575 proposed ordinance. This rule may be temporarily suspended for a special purpose by a  
576 vote of two-thirds of the members elected. The council must conduct a public hearing  
577 before adopting an ordinance. Public testimony at the hearing must be germane to the  
578 proposed ordinance and must be made in such a manner as to comply with the  
579 requirements imposed by the chair under Rule 2B, K.C.C. 1.24.015B. The chair shall  
580 liberally construe this rule as it relates to public testimony.

581            ~~((B.—the proposed ordinance shall be subject to amendment, and shall comply~~  
582 ~~with the provisions of Rule 16. Amendments shall be considered section by section with~~  
583 ~~perfecting amendments considered first and striking amendments considered last. Only~~  
584 ~~one amendment and one amendment to the amendment are permitted at a time, but any~~  
585 ~~number of each can be offered in succession so long as they do not again raise questions~~  
586 ~~already decided. Title amendments shall be considered after the amendments to the main~~  
587 ~~text of the proposed ordinance. No amendment shall be considered by the council until it~~  
588 ~~has been provided to the clerk of the council in writing, distributed to each~~  
589 ~~councilmember, and read by the clerk. No substitute amendments shall be considered~~  
590 ~~except substitute motions and ordinances coming before the council from a standing~~  
591 ~~committee. Any member may demand a vote on the question of whether the committee~~  
592 ~~substitute shall be substituted for the original proposed ordinance. Substitute ordinances~~

593 must be within the scope and object of the original ordinance. Striking amendments may  
594 be offered in writing by councilmembers. The council chair may, in order to promote  
595 efficiency, accept for consideration any oral amendment that is easily understood. All  
596 amendments adopted on the second reading shall be incorporated into the original  
597 proposed ordinance.))

598 SECTION 11. Ordinance 11683, Section 11, and K.C.C. 1.24.105 are each hereby  
599 amended to read as follows:

600 **1.24.105 Rule 11: ~~((Due n))~~Notice – public hearing on proposed ordinance.**  
601 ~~((Due n))~~Notice ~~((shall))~~ for a public hearing on a proposed ordinance must set forth the  
602 title of the proposed ordinance(,)) and the date, hour and place of hearing. ((Due  
603 n))Notice ~~((shall be))~~ is accomplished by posting notice outside the council chambers, and  
604 by such other means as ((may now or hereafter be)) required by law. Notice made under  
605 this rule constitutes due notice as required in Section 230.10 of the King County Charter.

606 SECTION 12. Ordinance 11683, Section 12, and K.C.C. 1.24.115 are each hereby  
607 amended to read as follows:

608 **1.24.115 Rule 12: ~~((Legal n))~~Notice - ~~((P))~~police and sanitary regulations.**

609 A. Unless otherwise provided for by state law, ~~((no))~~ an ordinance ((which)) that  
610 establishes a police or sanitary regulation ((shall)) may not be passed unless ((before its  
611 adoption)) a public hearing, of which at least ten days' notice has been given, has been  
612 held ((thereon)) on the ordinance by the council ((of which at least ten days' notice has  
613 been given)). The notice ((shall)) must be published in the official county newspaper ((in  
614 which legal notices of the county are given. Such)). The notice ((shall)) must also be  
615 posted in conformance with ((provisions outlined above)) Rule 11, K.C.C. 1.24.105.

- 616 B. The notice ~~((shall either))~~ must:
- 617 1. Set out a copy of the proposed ~~((regulation))~~ ordinance; ~~((or))~~
- 618 2. Summarize the content of each proposed ~~((regulation))~~ ordinance, succinctly
- 619 describing the main points of each section and stating that the full text of the proposed
- 620 ~~((regulation))~~ ordinance will be mailed upon request without charge~~((; provided, that))~~.
- 621 However, a penalty section((s)) of an ordinance((s;)) or a section((s)) containing a
- 622 provision((s)) regarding taxation or containing a legal description((s shall)) must be
- 623 published in full; or
- 624 3. If a code is adopted by reference ~~((the notice shall))~~, set forth the full official
- 625 title and a statement describing the general purposes of ~~((such))~~ the code.

626 SECTION 13. Ordinance 11683, Section 13, as amended, and K.C.C. 1.24.125

627 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

628 **1.24.125 Rule 13: Recalling ~~((ordinances or motions))~~ legislation from**

629 **committees.** ~~((A;))~~ A~~((ny))~~ standing committee of the council may be relieved of further

630 consideration of ~~((any))~~ proposed ~~((ordinance or proposed motion))~~ legislation, regardless

631 of prior action by the committee, by seven members of the council. The council may then

632 by ~~((a))~~ the required majority vote make ~~((such))~~ the orderly disposition of the proposed

633 ~~((ordinance or proposed motion))~~ legislation including, ~~((where))~~ if appropriate, final

634 passage or setting a public hearing on the matter.

635 SECTION 14. Ordinance 11683, Section 14, and K.C.C. 1.24.135 are each hereby

636 amended to read as follows:

637 **1.24.135 Rule 14: Adoption by ~~((C))~~ consent ~~((calendar))~~.**

638 A. A consent ~~((calendar))~~ agenda may be established by the chair of the council.

639 A ~~((P))~~ proposed ordinance~~((s))~~ may be placed on the consent ~~((calendar))~~ agenda if a

640 committee or council hearing was previously held on the measure and if ~~((no))~~ a council

641 member does not object~~((s))~~ to ~~((such))~~ the placement. If a member objects to the

642 placement of a proposed ordinance on the consent agenda, the proposed ordinance must

643 be removed from the consent agenda. A proposed motion may be placed on the consent

644 agenda upon recommendation by the committee. Proposed ~~((ordinances))~~ legislation on

645 the ~~((second-reading))~~ consent ~~((calendar shall))~~ agenda is not ~~((be))~~ subject to

646 amendment except as recommended in the committee report. All items ~~((identified-as))~~ on

647 the consent agenda may be adopted in one motion by oral roll call vote.

648 B. Employment committee recommendations shall be contained in a written

649 recommendation report that shall, upon signature of three committee members, be sent to

650 the full council. The council shall consider the recommendation reports from the

651 committee on an employment committee consent agenda. However, in the event the

652 employment committee forwards two recommendations to the council on the same matter,

653 the two recommendations shall be considered separately from the consent agenda. Upon

654 the request of any member present before the full council, any specific recommendation

655 from the employment committee shall be removed from the consent agenda and

656 considered separately by the council prior to adoption of the employment consent agenda.

657 C. A consent agenda on hearing examiner recommendations may be established

658 by the chair of the council. A hearing examiner recommendation may be placed on the

659 agenda on hearing examiner recommendations if a hearing was previously held on the

660 measure and if a council member does not object to the placement. If a member objects

661 to the placement of a hearing examiner recommendation on the consent agenda on

662 hearing examiner recommendations, the recommendation must be removed from the  
663 consent agenda on hearing examiner recommendations. All items on the consent agenda  
664 on hearing examiner recommendations may be adopted in one motion by oral roll call  
665 vote.

666 SECTION 15. Ordinance 11683, Section 15, and K.C.C. 1.24.145 are each hereby  
667 amended to read as follows:

668 **1.24.145 Rule 15: Quorum and voting (~~(--council)~~).**

669 A. The requirements for a quorum of a standing committee are prescribed in Rule  
670 6A, K.C.C. 1.24.055A. The requirements for a quorum of a regional committee are  
671 prescribed in Rule 7, K.C.C. 1.24.065.

672 \_\_\_\_\_ B. Seven members (~~((shall))~~) constitute a quorum of the (~~((metropolitan King~~  
673 ~~E))~~)county council. (~~((In the event of))~~) If there is a lack of a quorum, the chair shall  
674 request the clerk of the council to call members so as to constitute a quorum. Unless  
675 otherwise required by the King County ((e))Charter, a vote of the majority of those  
676 present ((will be)) is necessary for the conduct of ((the)) council business.

677 (~~((B-))~~) C. There (~~((shall))~~) may not be (~~((no))~~) voting by proxy on a(~~((ny))~~) question  
678 before the council. (~~((Every))~~) A member who is in the council chambers when the  
679 question is put shall vote unless(~~((, for special reasons,))~~) excused by the council for special  
680 reasons. A(~~((H))~~) motion(~~((s))~~) to excuse a member (~~((shall))~~) must be made before the call for  
681 "ayes" and "nos" is commenced.

682 (~~((C-))~~) D. A(~~((H))~~) vote(~~((s))~~) before the council (~~((shall))~~) must be recorded as to the  
683 "ayes" and "nos." Upon the final passage of (~~((any measure))~~) legislation before the  
684 council, the vote (~~((shall))~~) must be taken by oral roll call. On any other matter, the vote

685 ~~((shall))~~ must be taken by oral roll call if requested by at least three ~~((council))~~ members.

686 When once begun, the roll call may not be interrupted ~~((for any purpose))~~. The order of

687 names on the roll call ~~((shall))~~ must be alphabetical by last name ~~((The council chair~~

688 may)) except for the chair, who votes last when the "ayes" and "nos" are called.

689 ~~((D. All votes in a committee shall be recorded, and the record shall be preserved~~

690 ~~as prescribed by the clerk of the council.))~~

691 SECTION 16. Ordinance 11683, Section 16, and K.C.C. 1.24.155 are each hereby

692 amended to read as follows:

693 **1.24.155 Rule 16: Amendments.** A ~~((ny council))~~ member ~~((shall have the right~~

694 to)) may offer amendments to proposed ~~((ordinances or motions. Such rights shall be~~

695 ~~constrained by Rule 10, Rule 14 and as follows))~~ legislation for consideration by the

696 council or a standing committee, in accordance with the following:

697 A. The ~~((council))~~ clerk of the council shall establish the proper form for an

698 amendment(s). ~~((All))~~ Except as provided in subsection F of this rule, an amendment((s

699 ~~shall))~~ must:

700 1. ~~((b))~~ Be in writing ~~((except as is provided in Rule 10(B) and shall));~~

701 2. ~~((b))~~ Bear the name of the member who offers ~~((the same,))~~ it as well as the

702 page and line number of the proposed ~~((ordinance or motion))~~ legislation to be amended;

703 and

704 3. Be distributed to each member.

705 B. ~~((When a proposed ordinance or motion is before the council on second~~

706 ~~reading, amendments adopted by committees and recommended to the council shall be~~

707 ~~acted upon by the council before any amendments that may be offered from members of~~

708 the full council.

709 ~~\_\_\_\_\_ C. No~~) An amendment to ((any)) proposed ((ordinance or motion shall be))  
710 legislation may not ((allowed which shall)) change the scope and object of the proposed  
711 ((ordinance or motion)) legislation. ((AH)) An amendment((s)) must be germane and  
712 must embrace the single subject contained within the proposed ((ordinance or motion))  
713 legislation.

714 ~~((D. No ordinance or motion)) C.~~ Legislation or a((ny)) section ((thereof shall  
715 ever)) of legislation may not be revised or amended unless the new ((ordinance or  
716 motion)) legislation sets forth the revised ((ordinance or motion)) legislation or the  
717 amended section at full length.

718 D. 1. For the purposes of this subsection D, "line amendment" means an  
719 amendment that either adds or deletes, or both, material in a specified portion of  
720 legislation, and "striking amendment" means an amendment that deletes the entire text of  
721 legislation and inserts new language.

722 \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Line amendments should be considered section by section with perfecting  
723 amendments considered first.

724 \_\_\_\_\_ 3. If a striking amendment is moved, all line amendments to the striking  
725 amendment must be approved or rejected before the striking amendment is approved or  
726 rejected.

727 \_\_\_\_\_ 4. Only one amendment and one amendment to the amendment are permitted at  
728 a time, but any number of each may be offered in succession if a question already decided  
729 is not raised again.

730 \_\_\_\_\_ 5. Title amendments must be considered after the amendments to the main text



731 of the proposed legislation.

732 E. 1. Substitute legislation may only come before the council after consideration  
733 by a standing committee. A member may demand a vote on the question of whether the  
734 committee substitute is to be substituted for the original proposed legislation. A  
735 substitute ordinance must be within the scope and object of the original proposed  
736 ordinance.

737 2. A member may offer proposed substitute legislation for a standing  
738 committee's consideration, but a member may demand a vote on the question of whether  
739 the standing committee is to consider the original legislation rather than the proposed  
740 substitute legislation. A proposed substitute ordinance must be within the scope and  
741 object of the original proposed ordinance.

742 F. In accordance with Rule 14A, K.C.C. 1.24.135A, proposed legislation on the  
743 consent agenda is not subject to amendment except as recommended in the committee  
744 report.

745 G. To promote efficiency, the council chair, or the chair of a standing committee  
746 at the committee's meeting, may accept for consideration an oral amendment that is easily  
747 understood.

748 SECTION 17. Ordinance 11683, Section 17, as amended, and K.C.C. 1.24.165  
749 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

750 **1.24.165 Rule 17: Parliamentary motions – suspension of rules. Rules**  
751 **relating to parliamentary motions are as follows:**

752 **A. Parliamentary motions in order during debate. When a motion has been made**  
753 **and stated by the council chair, the following motions are in order((7)) in the ((rank))**

754 priority named:

755 1. Privileged motions:

756 a. Adjourn;

757 b. Appeal of a ruling of the chair;

758 c. Adjourn to a time certain;

759 d. Recess to a time certain;

760 e. Reconsider;

761 f. Demand for division;

762 g. Question of privilege; and

763 h. Orders of the day;

764 2. Subsidiary motions:

765 a. First rank: Question of consideration;

766 b. Second rank: To lay on the table;

767 c. Third rank: For the previous question;

768 d. Fourth rank:

769 (1) To postpone to a day certain;

770 (2) To commit or recommit (to refer or rerefer); and

771 (3) To postpone indefinitely; and

772 e. Fifth rank: To amend; and

773 3. In addition, the following ((f))incidental motions may take priority over a

774 privileged or subsidiary motion, depending on the circumstances under which they are

775 moved and the application to the main motion:

776 a. Points of order;

- 777            b. Methods of consideration;
- 778            c. Suspension of the rules;
- 779            d. Reading papers;
- 780            e. Withdraw a motion; and
- 781            f. Division of a question.

782            B. Motions - how presented. ~~((No))~~ A motion ~~((shall))~~ may not be entertained or

783 debated until announced by the chair of the council. The chair shall place the motion

784 before the council for consideration if appropriate and recognize the mover of the motion

785 for further remarks.

786            C. Effect of postponement - motions to postpone or commit. ~~((No))~~ A motion to

787 postpone to a day certain, to commit~~((;))~~ or to postpone indefinitely ~~((being))~~, once

788 decided ~~((shall))~~, may not again be allowed on the same day and at the same stage of the

789 proceedings. When a question has been postponed indefinitely, ~~((it shall))~~ the question

790 may not again be ~~((introduced))~~ brought before the council during the remainder of the

791 calendar year. The motion to postpone indefinitely may be made at any stage of

792 consideration of the proposed ~~((ordinance))~~ legislation except when on first reading.

793            D. Motions decided without debate.

794            1. A motion to adjourn, to recess, to lay on the table ~~((and))~~ or to call for the

795 previous question ~~((shall))~~ must be decided without debate.

796            The motion to lay on the table enables the council to lay the pending question

797 aside temporarily when something else of immediate urgency has arisen. The motion to

798 lay on the table is out of order if the evident intent is to kill or avoid dealing with ~~((a~~

799 ~~measure))~~ legislation. A motion to lay an amendment on the table does not ~~((carry with~~

800 it)) lay on the table the ~~((main question))~~ legislation being amended.

801         2. ~~((AH))~~ An incidental motion~~((s shall))~~ must be decided without debate, except  
802 that ~~((council))~~ members may speak to points of order and appeal as provided in Rule 26,  
803 K.C.C. 1.24.255.

804         3. Except for rules requiring a vote of two-thirds of all elected members, a rule  
805 may be temporarily suspended for a special purpose by a vote of two-thirds of the  
806 members present. When the suspension of a rule is called and, after notice from the  
807 chair, an objection is not offered, the chair may announce the rule suspended and the  
808 council may proceed accordingly. A motion for suspension of the rules ~~((shall))~~ is not  
809 ~~((be))~~ debatable except that the chair may allow; the maker of the motion to briefly  
810 explain the purpose of the motion; and ~~((at the discretion of the chair))~~ a rebuttal ~~((may~~  
811 ~~be allowed))~~.

812         4. A~~((ny))~~ member may object to the consideration of any question, including  
813 an amendment~~((s))~~. A two-thirds vote of those members present against consideration is  
814 required to sustain the objection.

815         SECTION 18. Ordinance 11683, Section 18, and K.C.C. 1.24.175 are each  
816 hereby amended to read as follows:

817         **1.24.175 Rule 18: Rules of debate.** The rules for debate for the council are as  
818 follows:

819         A. ~~((Question of privilege.))~~ A~~((ny council))~~ member may rise to a question of  
820 privilege and explain a personal matter, by leave of the chair, but the ~~((council))~~ member  
821 ~~((shall))~~ may not discuss a~~((ny))~~ pending question~~((s))~~ in ~~((such))~~ the explanation~~((s))~~.

822         B. ~~((Withdrawal of motion.))~~ After a motion is stated by the chair or ~~((a))~~

823 proposed ~~((ordinance or motion))~~ legislation is read by the clerk, ~~((it shall be deemed to~~  
824 ~~be))~~ the motion or legislation is in possession of the council~~((, but))~~. However, the  
825 motion or legislation may be withdrawn by consent of the council ~~((at any time))~~ before  
826 decision or amendment.

827 C. ~~((Division of points of debate.))~~ A~~((ny council))~~ member may call for a  
828 division of a question, which ~~((shall))~~ must be divided if ~~((it))~~ the question embraces  
829 subjects so distinct that one being taken away a substantive proposition ~~((shall))~~ remains  
830 for decision of the council~~((, but))~~. However, a motion to strike out and insert ((shall)), if  
831 it is impossible to secure the desired result without making the act of striking out  
832 inseparable from that of inserting, may not be divided.

833 D. ~~((Order of questions.))~~ All questions, whether in committee or in the council,  
834 ~~((shall))~~ must be taken in the order in which they are named.

835 E. ~~((Remarks confined.))~~ A ~~((council))~~ member shall confine all remarks to the  
836 question under debate and avoid personalities. ~~((No council))~~ A member ~~((shall))~~ may  
837 not impugn the motive of a~~((ny council))~~ member's vote or argument.

838 ~~((F. Suspension of rules. Except for rules requiring a vote of two thirds of all~~  
839 ~~elected councilmembers, a rule may be temporarily suspended for a special purpose by a~~  
840 ~~vote of two thirds of the members present. When the suspension of a rule is called, and~~  
841 ~~after notice from the chair no objection is offered, the chair may announce the rule~~  
842 ~~suspended, and the council may proceed accordingly. Motion for suspension of the rules~~  
843 ~~shall not be debatable, except, the chair may allow the mover of the motion to briefly~~  
844 ~~explain the purpose of the motion and at the discretion of the chair a rebuttal may be~~  
845 ~~allowed.))~~

846            SECTION 19. Ordinance 11683, Section 19, and K.C.C. 1.24.185 are each  
847 hereby amended to read as follows:

848            **1.24.185 Rule 19: Ending of debate – ((P))previous question.**

849            A. The previous question may be ordered on all recognized motions or  
850 amendments which are debatable by a two-thirds ((2/3)) vote of the members present.

851            B. The previous question is not debatable and cannot be amended.

852            C. The results of the motion are as follows:

853            1. If determined in the negative, the consideration goes on as if the motion had  
854 never made;

855            2. If decided in the affirmative it shall have the effect of cutting off all debate  
856 and bringing the council to a direct vote upon the motion or amendment on which it has  
857 been ordered; provided, that when ((a)) proposed ((ordinance)) legislation is on final  
858 passage or when the motion to postpone indefinitely is pending, one of the sponsors of  
859 the proposed ((ordinance)) legislation or the chair of the committee may have the  
860 privilege of closing debate after the previous question has been ordered.

861            3. If adjournment is had after the previous question is ordered, the motion or  
862 proposition on which the previous question was ordered shall be put to the council  
863 immediately following the approval of the minutes at the next meeting, thus making the  
864 main question privileged over all other business, whether new or unfinished.

865            SECTION 20. Ordinance 11683, Section 20, and K.C.C. 1.24.195 are each  
866 hereby amended to read as follows:

867            **1.24.195 Rule 20: Final passage of ((ordinances and motions)) legislation.**

868            A. 1. Except as otherwise provided in this rule, ((S))seven affirmative votes

869 ((shall be)) are required to adopt an ordinance.

870 2. Eight affirmative votes ((shall be)) are required((:)) to adopt an ordinance  
871 dealing with county((-)wide policies and plans ((on which the)) referred to a regional  
872 committee as required by the King County Charter when:

873 a. the regional committee ((has failed)) fails to act within the ((prescribed))  
874 established time limit; or ((to adopt an ordinance that includes council amendments to  
875 county-wide policies and plans that have been reviewed by a))

876 b. the ordinance adopted by the council differs from the regional committee  
877 recommendation.

878 3. Nine affirmative votes ((shall be)) are required to:

879 a. enact an emergency ordinance; or

880 b. override a veto as provided in Rule 22, K.C.C. 1.24.215.

881 B. 1. ((An emergency ordinance shall not be subject to veto by the county  
882 executive except for an appropriation ordinance. An ordinance constituting the final  
883 action of the county pursuant to K.C.C. 20.24.230 upon recommendation of the hearing  
884 examiner under K.C.C. 20.24.070 shall not be subject to veto by the county executive.

885 —C.)) A majority vote of the members present at a ((regular)) council meeting  
886 ((shall be)) is required to approve a motion, except as provided in subsection B.2 of this  
887 rule.

888 2. Eight affirmative votes are required to adopt a motion dealing with  
889 countywide policies and plans referred to a regional committee as required by the King  
890 County Charter when:

891 a. the regional committee fails to act within the established time limit; or

892 b. the motion adopted by the council differs from the regional committee  
893 recommendation.

894 SECTION 21. Ordinance 11683, Section 21, and K.C.C. 1.24.205 are each  
895 hereby amended to read as follows:

896 **1.24.205 Rule 21: Reconsideration.**

897 A. ~~((Notice of a))~~ A motion for reconsideration on the final passage of  
898 ~~((ordinances shall))~~ legislation must be made ~~((on the day the vote to be reconsidered~~  
899 ~~was))~~ during the meeting at which the vote on final passage is taken. A vote for  
900 reconsideration ~~((R))~~ reconsideration of the vote~~((s))~~ on the final passage of ~~((ordinances))~~  
901 legislation must be taken ~~((on))~~ at the same ~~((day))~~ meeting the vote was taken~~((;~~  
902 ~~provided, that))~~, but the council may postpone the vote for reconsideration until the next  
903 council meeting. While the question of reconsideration is pending, ~~((the ordinance shall~~  
904 ~~not be deemed adopted or enacted))~~ legislation is not passed ~~((and))~~, ~~((t))~~ The clerk of the  
905 council ~~((shall delay transmitting the))~~ may not transmit an ordinance to the county  
906 executive until ~~((such time as))~~ the question of reconsideration is ~~((addressed))~~ decided.

907 B. A motion to reconsider an amendment may only be made ~~((at any time))~~  
908 before the ordinance ~~((remains on second reading))~~ is passed.

909 C. ~~((Any council))~~ Only a member who voted on the prevailing side may move  
910 for reconsideration ~~((or give notice thereof)).~~

911 D. A motion to reconsider ~~((can))~~ may be decided only once ~~((when))~~ if decided  
912 in the negative.

913 E. ~~((When))~~ If a motion to reconsider ~~((has been))~~ is carried, ~~((its effect shall be~~  
914 ~~to place))~~ the original question is placed before the council in the exact position ~~((it))~~ the



915 original question occupied before ~~((it))~~ the original question was voted upon.

916 F. Reconsideration of an action~~((s pursuant to))~~ under K.C.C. chapter 20.24  
917 ~~((shall be))~~ is governed by ~~((the provisions set forth in))~~ K.C.C. 20.24.250.

918 SECTION 22. Ordinance 11683, Section 22, and K.C.C. 1.24.215 are each  
919 hereby amended to read as follows:

920 **1.24.215 Rule 22: Executive veto.** ~~((Except as otherwise))~~

921 A. As provided ~~((for))~~ in the King County ~~((e))~~ Charter ~~((and any amendments~~  
922 ~~thereto))~~, the executive may not veto a motion, an emergency ordinance except for an  
923 appropriation ordinance, an ordinance proposing an amendment to the charter or an  
924 ordinance providing for collective bargaining by the county with county employees  
925 covered by the personnel system.

926 B. If the executive vetoes an ordinance or an object of expense of an  
927 appropriation ordinance, a copy of the executive's veto message ~~((of the executive~~  
928 ~~accompanying any proposed ordinance passed by the council))~~, together with the  
929 proposed ordinance vetoed~~((;))~~ or ~~((the partial veto of an appropriations ordinance))~~  
930 partially vetoed, ~~((shall))~~ must be distributed to each ~~((council))~~ member. Within thirty  
931 days after an ordinance ~~((has been))~~ is vetoed and returned or partially vetoed and  
932 returned, the council may override ~~((such))~~ the veto by enacting the ordinance by a  
933 minimum of nine affirmative votes. Upon a~~((ny))~~ member's request, the chair of the  
934 council shall place the question of override of the veto upon the agenda for the next  
935 council meeting after receipt of the request. A special council meeting may be called for  
936 the purpose of considering the override of the veto~~((; provided, that n))~~. Notice of  
937 ~~((such))~~ the meeting ~~((shall))~~ must be given as required by state law.

938            SECTION 23. Ordinance 11683, Section 23, and K.C.C. 1.24.225 are each  
939 hereby amended to read as follows:

940            **1.24.225 Rule 23: Lapse and reintroduction of ~~((ordinances))~~ legislation.**  
941 ~~((Draft ordinances and motions and p))~~ Proposed ~~((ordinances and motions which have  
942 been introduced but))~~ legislation that is not acted upon before the end of the calendar year  
943 ~~((shall be deemed to have lapsed))~~ lapses if not introduced, reintroduced or ~~((acted upon  
944 by the))~~ passed or defeated on a vote on final passage at a council meeting by February 1  
945 of the next year. ~~((Such ordinance or motion shall bear))~~ Legislation is reintroduced by  
946 filing a reintroduction slip with the clerk of the council. Reintroduced legislation keeps  
947 the same number assigned to ~~((it))~~ the legislation originally.

948            SECTION 24. Ordinance 11683, Section 24, and K.C.C. 1.24.235 are each  
949 hereby amended to read as follows:

950            **1.24.235 Rule 24: Public record of council meeting.**

951            A. The verbatim public record required by Section 220.40 of the King County  
952 Charter ~~((Section 220.40 shall))~~ must be kept by means of electronic recording of matters  
953 occurring at the open sessions of public meetings of the ~~((metropolitan King C))~~ county  
954 council.

955            B. The clerk of the council or of the committee shall produce minutes, in the  
956 form of proceedings, of a meeting according to state law.

957            SECTION 25. Ordinance 11683, Section 25, and K.C.C. 1.24.245 are each  
958 hereby amended to read as follows:

959            **1.24.245 Rule 25: Copies of electronic recordings.** A~~((ny))~~ person may  
960 ~~((have))~~ obtain an electronic recording of a~~((ny))~~ particular proceeding of the

961 ~~((metropolitan King C))~~ county council or a council committee by ~~((furnishing an~~  
962 ~~appropriate magnetic tape or other form of recording medium to the clerk of the council~~  
963 ~~and))~~ paying a fee ~~((of five dollars for the first hour and two dollars each additional hour~~  
964 ~~or part thereof))~~ for the reproduction of the proceedings. The clerk of the council shall  
965 set the amount of the fee, which must reflect the actual cost of reproduction.

966 SECTION 26. Ordinance 11683, Section 26, and K.C.C. 1.24.255 are each  
967 hereby amended to read as follows:

968 **1.24.255 Rule 26: Appeal from decision of chair.** A~~((ny))~~ parliamentary  
969 decision of the chair may be appealed ~~((from))~~ by a~~((ny council))~~ member~~((, on which~~  
970 ~~appeal no))~~. A ((council))member may not speak on the appeal more than once unless  
971 permitted by ((leave of)) the council.

972 The chair's act of adding to, removing from or taking out of order an item on a  
973 distributed and posted agenda may be appealed to the full body by any two members  
974 under Rule 5C, K.C.C. 1.24.045C.

975 SECTION 27. Ordinance 11683, Section 27, and K.C.C. 1.24.265 are each  
976 hereby amended to read as follows:

977 **1.24.265 Rule 27: Parliamentary rules.** The rules of parliamentary practice  
978 comprised in the 1990, 9th edition of the Scott, Foresman Robert's Rules of Order  
979 ~~((shall))~~ must be used as a guide to address procedural questions to the extent ~~((not~~  
980 ~~inconsistent))~~ consistent with the standing rules ~~((comprised herein))~~ in this chapter.

981 SECTION 28. Ordinance 11683, Section 31, and K.C.C. 1.24.305 are each  
982 hereby amended to read as follows:

983 **1.24.305 Rule 31: Legal signature.** ~~((All))~~ An official document~~((s))~~ issued by

984 order of the council ~~((shall))~~ must be ~~((under the hand of))~~ signed by the chair~~((man))~~ or  
985 in his or her absence the vice-chair~~((man))~~ or acting chair~~((man))~~ as provided in Rule 3,  
986 K.C.C. 1.24.025, and attested by the clerk of the council or acting clerk of the council,  
987 except as otherwise provided by the King County ~~((e))~~Charter.

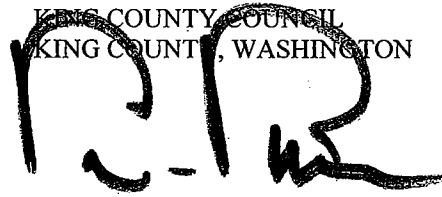
988 NEW SECTION. SECTION 29. There is hereby added to K.C.C. chapter 1.24 a  
989 new section to read as follows:

990 **Rule 32: Organizational motions – compilation and amendment.** The clerk  
991 of the council shall compile and organize current motions organizing and administering  
992 the legislative branch as a single master document with separate sections. The council  
993 may amend an organizational motion by amending a section of the master document as  
994 compiled and organized.

995            SECTION 30. Ordinance 11172, Section 2, and K.C.C. 1.23.010, Ordinance  
996            11172, Section 3, and K.C.C. 1.23.020 and Ordinance 11172, Section 4, and K.C.C.  
997            1.23.030. are each hereby repealed.  
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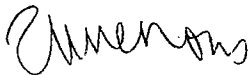
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Excused: 1 - Mr. Pullen

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Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this 17th day of November, 2000



for Ron Sims, County Executive

Attachments      None